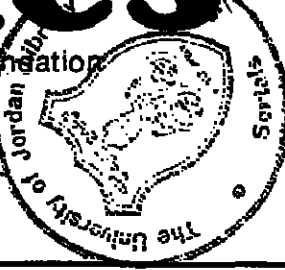


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PLO raps attempts to appease Egypt

DAMASCUS (R) — A Palestinian leader Wednesday criticised what he described as attempts to bring Egypt back to the Arab fold. Salah Khalaf, leader of the biggest Palestinian commander organisation Fatah, was speaking at a Damascus rally marking the 35th anniversary of the ruling Baath Party in Syria attended by President Hafez Al Assad and Arab and Palestinian delegations. "The regime of (Egyptian) President Hosni Mubarak represents an extension of that of (the late President Anwar) Sadat, the traitor," he said. "There should be no Arab solidarity including Hosni Mubarak as long as he bears all the disgrace of Sadat and the Camp David accords," he added.

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Jordan, Yugoslavia sign pact on information

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Yugoslavia on Wednesday signed an agreement between the two countries on cooperation in information fields. Under the agreement, the two countries will exchange news, information about the most important political, social, cultural and economic events and will foster cooperation between their press associations and publishing houses and will encourage an exchange of visits by journalists and facilitate their missions. The agreement, signed by Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Yugoslav ambassador to Jordan Dusan Zavanik, also provides for both countries to exchange information, films, documentaries and news reels, as well as newspapers, magazines, books, slides and other information material. The two sides also agree to cooperate in organising exhibitions and information seminars.

Riyadh reiterates condition for ending Gulf war

RIVADH (A.P.) — The Saudi state radio expressed hope Wednesday for the success of fresh efforts for an Iraq-Iran settlement but reiterated the view of the Gulf Arab countries on what such a settlement should provide for. The radio said Iran should agree to "re-institution of rights and to non-intervention in the internal affairs" of other states in the region.

Cairo Airport announces better facilities for Arabs

CAIRO (A.P.) — The director of Cairo airport Wednesday announced several new measures for the "comfort and convenience of Arab tourists," the government news agency said. Gen. Mustafa Kamal Hamdi said a new information desk was being set up and quicker passport and customs procedures arranged for Arab visitors. These measures come four days after the first official Egyptian visit to one of the Arab countries which cut relations with Egypt after the Camp David accords. An Egyptian delegation is participating in non-aligned foreign ministers' conference in Kuwait.

African leaders to meet to discuss OAU problems

NAIROBI (R) — Several African leaders will meet in Lagos later this month to discuss the crisis facing the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) over the membership of the Polisario Front, diplomatic sources said Wednesday. The sources, contacted in Nairobi and other African capitals said a group of leaders would also discuss financial problems dogging the OAU peace force in Chad and the Chad government's rejection of an OAU peace plan for the war-torn country.

Aldo Moro 'killers' to be tried soon

ROME (R) — The alleged Red Brigades killers of statesman Aldo Moro will go on trial in a fortified Rome gymnasium next week in what could be a decisive round in the Italian state's fight against political violence. More than 50 people accused by police of forming the Brigades "Roman Column" face charges arising out of 19 murders and many gun attacks between 1977 and 1981. But the lengthy trial will pivot on the 55-day kidnapping of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro, the Red Brigades' most famous victim.

Warsaw University rector resigns

WARSAW (R) — Warsaw University's first democratically elected rector was relieved of his post Wednesday, university officials announced. Prof. Henryk Samonowicz, a noted liberal, had submitted his resignation and it had been accepted. His departure was seen as part of a pattern in which liberals have been removed from sensitive posts since the imposition of martial law on Dec. 13.

Iraq renews peace offer

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi told a Non-aligned conference Wednesday that his country was waiting for Iran to accept the setting up of a fact-finding committee to decide who began the 18-month-old Gulf war. He told foreign ministers of the Non-Aligned Movement meeting here that Iraq wanted to cooperate "in a positive spirit" with mediators seeking an end to the conflict. Foreign ministers of the Non-Aligned Movement are trying to end the war for which both countries blame each other. An Iranian delegate said Iran had not decided who should sit on the international committee. The committee was first proposed by Iran as one of its three demands for negotiating a settlement. Others are Iraqi withdrawal from Iranian territory and war reparations to Iran. Dr. Hammadi recalled that Iraq had agreed to the establishment of the fact-finding committee in April last year and again three weeks ago. Speaking on the second day of a Non-aligned conference on Palestine, he said Iraq was still awaiting for Iran's agreement to the committee which would make crystal clear who was in the right. On the other hand, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said after meeting the mediators that Iraq understood only the language of force. He claimed at a news conference: "We have come to the conclusion that the Iraqis only understand the language of force." Dr. Velayati, also in Kuwait for the Non-aligned conference on Palestine, said Iran was prepared to continue receiving peace envoys. But diplomats said no dates had been set for planned visits to Tehran and Baghdad by Non-aligned and Islamic conference peace missions.

Dr. Hammadi said Iraq was fighting a defensive war. Iraq demands the return of disputed border areas and full sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which the two countries shared under a 1975 agreement. A four-man Non-aligned peace group held separate meetings with the Iraqi and Iranian ministers, but Dr. Velayati made clear that no substantial progress had been achieved. The group comprises the foreign ministers of Cuba — the current chairman of the 96-member Non-aligned Movement — India, Zambia and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Dr. Velayati and Dr. Hammadi met separately with other ministers, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Habib Chatti, secretary-general of the Islamic Conference Organisation, all trying to bring the two sides to the negotiating table. Syria and Algeria joined the PLO Wednesday in rejecting an Egyptian proposal for a Middle East settlement based on Palestinian recognition of Israel. Egyptian envoy Ismat Abdul Majid Tuesday night asked the conference to consider a peace initiative based on mutual and simultaneous recognition of each other by Israel and the Palestinian people. The proposal was rejected immediately by the PLO in a written statement to the conference, while the Syrian delegation said it was an attempt to legalise Israeli occupation of Arab lands seized in 1967. Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammed Seddik Ben Yahia told Reuters his country's position was identical to that of the PLO. South Yemen has also denounced the Egyptian move.

Haig leaves for London to mediate over Falklands

LONDON (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig leaves for Britain Thursday at the start of a delicate diplomatic mission to prevent Britain and Argentina from going to war over the Falkland Islands. British government sources said cabinet ministers doubted whether a political solution could be put together that would meet British and Argentine demands. But both British and other Western diplomats in London agreed that only the U.S. was in a position to use political leverage to prevent a military clash. Britain's new foreign secretary, Mr. Francis Pym, told Argentina Wednesday to pull its troops out of the South Atlantic islands or face the consequences—a reference to the British naval task force now steaming towards the Falklands. The British position remains that there can be no realistic mediation or negotiations until Argentina withdraws and British administration is restored in the islands it ruled from 1833 until Argentina occupied them last Friday. In Buenos Aires, where the Argentine cabinet was meeting in emergency session, Interior Minister Alfredo St. Jean said Argentina would make no concessions and "will fight if it is necessary." But Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez said after meeting Mr. Haig in Washington Tuesday he was confident Britain and Argentina could negotiate "an honourable and just peace." The interior minister later flew to the Falklands where he swore in the new Argentine military governor, Gen. Mario Benjamin Menendez. The British fleet which set sail on Monday will take about two weeks to cover the 8,000 miles to the South Atlantic, providing a breathing space for diplomacy. Argentina has been preparing for a possible British attack both in the islands and on the mainland where blackout exercises have been ordered in three southern cities. In London, meanwhile, the defence ministry refused to deny a newspaper report that the size of the fleet was being scaled down by almost a half to about 20 ships. A spokesman said he would not comment on the strength of the task force or its disposition.

Soviet-Afghan force raids Afghan camps inside Iran

ISLAMABAD (A.P.) — A combined force of Soviet and Afghan government troops attacked an Afghan refugee camp inside Iranian territory this week, Pakistani sources said Wednesday. The highly-placed sources said the clash took place near the Iranian border post of Jali-Rabat, an isolated spot near the borders of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The sources said the fighting on Monday and Tuesday apparently took place solely in Iranian territory, with no spillover into Pakistan. The combined task force attack began Monday, accompanied by a Soviet gunship helicopter that the refugees claimed to have shot down, the sources said. They said the attacks increased Tuesday when the Soviet and Afghan troops flew in several more gunship helicopters. The Iranian post of Torakhan, north of Jali-Rabat, also was hit, and both posts were burned to the ground, the sources said. The Afghan refugees suffered casualties in the clashes, but the exact number was unknown, the sources said. An estimated 1 million Afghans have taken refuge in Iran and 2.5 million in Pakistan since Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan in December 1979. The Soviet-Afghan raids at Jali-Rabat and Torakhan took place only days before the scheduled arrival of a United Nations official who will try to get Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan to confer ways to settle the Afghan crisis. Diego Cardovaz, special representative of the U.N. secretary general, is due here Saturday for talks with President Zia Ul Haq, followed by similar visits to Kabul and Tehran.

the Egyptian move.

Mr. Abdul Majid, Egypt's ambassador to the United Nations and chief delegate to the Non-aligned conference, told reporters that many African and Latin American countries had welcomed the proposal. But a PLO spokesman said: "We have not heard of such support."

Yugoslavia, a founding member of the Non-aligned Movement, suggested an Iraqi withdrawal as a first step towards peace. Foreign Secretary Josip Vrhovc told the conference: "We wonder whether the peace process could not start with the withdrawal of troops followed by cessation of hostilities and immediate negotiations." He added: "This would augur well for the next (Non-aligned) summit and the strengthening of the policy and the movement of non-alignment. We should work to this end."

Mr. Vrhovc appealed to both Iraq and Iran "to show genuine goodwill and political realism."

PLO warns of Israeli strike, puts forces on 'maximum alert'

BEIRUT (A.P.) — Palestine Liberation Organisation forces have gone on maximum alert to face a feared Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon following the recent assassination of an Israeli diplomat in Paris, the PLO reported Wednesday.

A PLO spokesman, who wished not to be named, told the Associated Press the estimated 15,000-strong commando force has been ordered into a "round-the-clock state of alert...because we don't want to be taken by surprise."

"We are committed to respect the ceasefire but shall fight back if we are attacked," the spokesman said of the eight-month old truce that was arranged by the United States and the United Nations to half cross-border attacks between Israel and the PLO in southern Lebanon, the PLO's main power base. "They (Israelis) seem determined to use the Paris killing as an excuse to invade Lebanon," he added.

Israel has squarely blamed the PLO for the fatal shooting of Israeli embassy second secretary Yacov Barsimantov in Paris last Friday, despite repeated PLO disclaimers. Israeli government and

U.S. team leaves for C. America

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — An American congressional delegation headed by House of Representatives majority leader Jim Wright left Wednesday on a 10-day trip to El Salvador and four other countries in Central America and the Caribbean. A statement issued by Mr. Wright's office said the group will visit Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Nicaragua and Jamaica to gather "in-depth information for the congressional leadership about the political, military and economic problems confronting these countries."

Iranians reported sending Kurds into internal exile

LONDON (R) — The Iranian government has sent hundreds of Kurdish families into internal exile because of their links with rebels fighting for autonomy, Kurdish sources said Wednesday. Kurdish spiritual leader Sheikh Ezzedin Housseini sent a message to Pope John Paul at the weekend appealing to him to ask Iran's Islamic regime to stop suppressing Kurds, they said. A representative of Sheikh Ezzedin told Reuters from Paris he had delivered the message to officials in Vatican City. But the message made no mention of the exiled families, who had been rounded up in the past month and sent to eastern and central Iranian provinces. The sheikh's representative said Revolutionary Guards had raided houses in the western cities of Mahabad, Sanandaj and Saqqez, all former strongholds of

Qasem raps measures in occupied territories

Jordan accuses Israel of plan to annex West Bank and Gaza

KUWAIT (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem Wednesday accused Israel of planning to annex the occupied Arab territories and of ignoring the will of the international community by violating United Nations resolutions.

"Jordan and the other concerned Arab parties have contributed to all peace initiatives that have been made to implement the international community's will to recognise the legitimate rights of the Palestinian Arab people, while Israel has continued to ignore the international will and to refuse to abide by U.N. resolutions," Mr. Qasem said. "Israel has widened the circle of its aggression on Arab rights and territories by changing the geographic and demographic character of the occupied Arab territories in preparation for annexing and Judaizing these territories," he charged. Mr. Qasem, who was addressing a three-day conference of the non-aligned coordination bureau here, called for intensifying honest efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the Palestinian people and to end Israel's occupation of Palestine.

"Israel's current acts of aggression on Arab land, its violations of Arab rights, its oppressive practices against the Arab inhabitants there and its continued threats against neighbouring Arab states, in a bid to impose Israel's hegemony on the region, all these prompt us to intensify our efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the Palestinian people, to end Israeli occupation of Arab land and to implement U.N. Security Council and General Assembly resolutions," Mr. Qasem said.

He said Jordan has succeeded in foiling Israeli attempts to convince the world public opinion that the military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza he has been replaced by a "civil administration."

"Jordan's decision to warn those 'collaborators' with the enemy to disassociate themselves from the so-called Village Leagues, and to outlaw those who do not heed the warning has had great effect, in adding further impetus to the determination of our people under Israeli occupation and enhancing their steadfastness in the face of Israel's oppressive measures," he said.

The minister added that the Jordanian stand "has impeded Israel's plans to impose a de facto situation and to deceive world public opinion into believing that military occupation has now been replaced by a civilian administration."

Mr. Qasem revealed that His Majesty King Hussein had sent messages to world leaders urging them to increase their donations to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian newspapers charged that Mr. Begin was setting the domestic and international stage for war against the PLO in Lebanon where Syria maintains a 22,000-man army to police a rightist-leftist civil war armistice under a mandate from the Arab League.

Nablus grenade injures nun, Arab

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A grenade explosion wounded a Greek nun and an Arab man in a monastery near the occupied West Bank town of Nablus Wednesday, the military command said. Sister Philothea Kepische, 55, was rushed to hospital in serious condition, a spokesman said. The identity of the second victim was not immediately known. The grenade went off at the mouth of a cave at the Greek Orthodox Jacob's Well monastery as a party of tourists was visiting the site, the spokesman said. The spokesman said that a big explosive device was later found and dismantled in a different part of Nablus. Military sources said a curfew was imposed on the nearby Palestinian refugee camps of Balata. The town was the scene of violent clashes last month when Palestinian protest flared in occupied territories after the dismissal of three mayors of the Israeli authorities.

Berlin publishes official annual slogans list

EAST BERLIN (R) — East Germany on Wednesday published its official annual list of slogans, designed to implant basic government policy in the ordinary citizen's mind, which will be seen on red banners and street billboards. The Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland and all other official newspapers covered their front pages with the 62 slogans prepared for the May 1 International socialist holiday. A slogan "for unshakable unity and single mindedness of the community of socialist states" reflected official policy on Poland, once condemned for straying from the communist fold. "Teachers and parents — the communist education of youth is our common desire" appeared to be a rebuff to church criticism of political education in schools on the ground that it can brainwash children against religion.

Iraq reaffirms Soviet pact's validity

BAHRAIN (A.P.) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein reaffirmed Wednesday his country's adherence to its treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union. The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, in a report from the Iraqi capital, said the reaffirmation was contained in a message sent to the Kremlin leadership on the 10th anniversary of the treaty. "The treaty has laid down the bases for mutual cooperation that stems from reciprocal respect and common interests," President Hussein was quoted as telling Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov. "It will remain a model for the sake of consolidating the struggle and independence of peoples against imperialist powers."

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Reagan leaves for five-day visit to Jamaica, Barbados

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan on Wednesday left for a five-day visit to Jamaica and Barbados where he will meet Caribbean leaders to discuss his proposals for increased U.S. aid to the region. Mr. Reagan has proposed an additional \$350 million in U.S. assistance and trade concessions this year to strengthen struggling Caribbean economies. The United States believes the extra aid is needed to counter what it sees as a growing threat from the Soviet Union and Cuba in the Caribbean and Latin America. The president was going first to Jamaica for talks with Prime Minister Edward Seaga. On Thursday he meets Barbados Prime Minister J.M.G. (Tom) Adams and then holds a luncheon meeting with several eastern Caribbean leaders. The guests will include Mr. Adams and prime ministers Vere Bird of Antigua, Eugenia Charles of Dominica, Kennedy Simmonds of St. Christopher-Nevis and Milton Cato of St. Vincent. It was the first trip by a U.S. president to Jamaica and Barbados, and a White House spokesman said it underscored the administration's commitment to the Caribbean area. Mr. Reagan and his wife were also planning to take some time for a vacation in Barbados before returning to Washington. On Saturday the president will broadcast from Barbados the second in a series of weekly radio broadcasts to the American people. U.S. officials expect the broadcast to focus on Mr. Reagan's Caribbean Basin aid plan and the situation in El Salvador and other parts of Central America. In his speech to the Organisation of American States (OAS) on Feb. 24 proposing the aid plan, Mr. Reagan excluded Cuba and Grenada and called them a threat to freedom in the area. The president and U.S. officials have repeatedly accused Cuba and the Soviet Union of trying to destabilise the Caribbean and Central America. They have also accused Nicaragua of supporting leftist guerrillas in El Salvador against the U.S.-backed ruling junta.

Uganda arrests 10,000

NAIROBI (R) — Ugandan troops and police arrested an estimated 10,000 people in Kampala Wednesday in the biggest ever operation against anti-government guerrillas, residents said. They said security forces swept through the capital shortly after dawn, arresting males over 15 years of age and taking them in trucks to a parade ground near the city centre. The residents, contacted by telephone, said police and troops checked the identity papers of those arrested and checked again at the police training school parade ground. On March 14, about 2,000 people were rounded up in a security check and most were freed within 24 hours. Paul Semogerere, leader of the Uganda's opposition Democratic Party, said: "Judging by what happened on March 14, I would not be surprised if more than 10,000 people had been arrested." Diplomats contacted in Kampala said it was the biggest security round-up since President Milton Obote returned to power in elections in December, 1980, and probably the biggest in Uganda's history. Security forces have increased operations against three guerrilla groups fighting to overthrow the government since an attack on the main Kampala army barracks on Feb. 23. Government troops repelled the guerrilla attack after some of the fiercest fighting in Kampala since Tanzanian troops and Ugandan exiles ousted Dictator Idi Amin in April, 1979. The diplomats said hundreds of government troops have searched every village in the country around Kampala, where guerrillas operate. Government radio announced Tuesday that buses, taxis and other vehicles licensed to carry passengers would not be allowed to operate at night in the Mubende, Mpigi and Mukono districts where guerrillas have been active.

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Cabinet learns of King's trip

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran Wednesday briefed the cabinet on the outcome of His Majesty King Hussein's visits to Saudi Arabia and Qatar and his talks with King Khalid Ibn Abdul Aziz, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani and their senior aides.

Iraqi art exhibition opens

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Sarvath Wednesday afternoon opened an exhibition of Iraqi art at the Jordan National Gallery in Amman. On display for three days are paintings by 31 leading Iraqi artists, representing the different schools of art and depicting the Iraqi environment and folk traditions. The exhibition, organised in cooperation with the Royal Society of Fine Arts, also displays paintings that depict the current Arab-Zionist conflict and the successes of the Iraqi army in the Gulf War. Society President Princess Wijdan Ali, Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan and an audience of art lovers attended the opening ceremony.

Swiss visitor calls at industry chamber

AMMAN (Petra) — Mr. Alain Bomer, head of the Economy Ministry of the Canton of Geneva, Wednesday called at the Amman Chamber of Industry and conferred with its president, Mr. Bandar Al Tabba', on ways of promoting trade between Jordan and Switzerland. During the meeting the Swiss visitor was briefed on Jordan's industrial and economic progress, the role of the private sector in economic development and that of the Chamber of Industry in guiding the country's industry. Mr. Bomer invited Mr. Tabba' to visit the permanent industrial fair in Geneva to examine Swiss industrial products and discuss the possibility of establishing similar industries in Jordan with Swiss expertise.

Talhouni sees Soviet envoy, journalist

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House of Parliament Speaker Bahjat Al Talhouni conferred Wednesday with Soviet Ambassador to Jordan Rafeek Nishanov. The meeting was attended by the visiting head of the Afro-Asian division of the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda.

Irbid power firm plans for 1985

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Irbid District Electricity Company has drawn up a programme for supplying 157 villages in Irbid Governorate with electricity by the end of 1985. Al Ra'i newspaper reported Wednesday. It said that the project also entails improvements to the existing electric power network in Irbid, the installation of 600 kilometres of overhead cables and the construction of transformer stations. The whole project, it said, is expected to cost JD 11 million.

Schoolchildren perform for officials

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Education held a cultural and artistic variety show at the Palace of Culture in Al Hussein Youth City Wednesday. The performance, put on by schoolchildren from various governorates, was attended by Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal. The performers presented national songs and folk music. Several senior ministry officials attended the show.

Women's federation to visit Baghdad

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation representing the National Federation of Jordanian Women (FNW) will leave for Baghdad Sunday for a week-long visit and talks with members of the Iraqi Women's Federation on Jordanian women's assistance to Iraq in its war against Iran. The delegation will include Mrs. Haifa' Al Bashir, 'Eidheh Al Mutlaq, 'A'ishah Hijazi and Khawla Kheir.

Petra dwellers get new home

By Suzanne Zu'mut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — In the hope of clearing away nearly 100 families of the Bdoul bedouin tribe whose present dwelling is the caves of the ancient Nabatean city of Petra, a complete village is being constructed just outside the rock carved city with a great effort being made to keep it in line with the Bdoul's way of life.



The caves of Petra form the present dwelling of the Bdoul tribe

One hundred houses of the Bdoul Resettlement Project will be ready by the end of this year, with a chance for more houses to be built in the future. The project, 60 per cent of which has already been completed, will provide each house with water, its own sanitary system and electricity — the high tension line is expected to reach there by the end of the year.

Built in groups of ten units, each unit consists of two semi-detached L-shaped houses, each costing JD 3,000 and consisting of two rooms, a store room which can also be used as an extra room, a kitchen and a toilet as well as a walled in space in front of each house. The whole construction of one house takes up 40 square metres of the half dunum area allotted to it. "The rest of the land can be used to keep the sheep and goats," one of the officials involved in the design told the Jordan Times. The units which are built of red brick "so as to blend in with the rocky colours" of the 2,000-year-old city, are grouped in a ten-dunum block of 20 houses, all lined up around a four-dunum oval-shaped open space. "This gives each house the sense of openness to which these people are used," commented the Director of the Petra and Jerash Development Plan Yusuf Alami. The project is also supervised by the Housing Corporation and the World Bank which will provide half the cost.

The design was made by a committee of the three parties concerned. It was based on two studies made in 1978: one was a social study made by a professor from the American University of Beirut and the other by UNESCO. As a result of the studies and taking the Bdoul tribe requirements into consideration, it was decided to keep these bedouins as close to the city they inhabit as possible. "It was the Bdoul who chose the present site of the

village which will be Umm Saihoun," Mr. Alami pointed out to the Jordan Times. "They have also asked for agricultural land around Umm Saihoun in place of the land they now cultivate in Petra. The government is taking this into consideration," he said. One of the reasons that the Bdoul tribesmen want to stay as close to the tourist city as possible is that they have developed business there. Many of them rent horses to the tourists or make money as labourers with government projects there. According to one official their most successful business in the old city has been the smuggling of archaeological treasures. "Frankly this is one main reason why we want them out of there," the official stated.

This settlement project seems to have a good chance of success because the tribe, estimated officially at nearly 500 people but privately at 1000 has already led a settled life, having lived in the same area for 20 or 30 years. The name Bdoul apparently stems from the word *baddal* which means exchanged. "It indicates that they have exchanged a roaming life for a settled one," Mr. Alami explained.

Some problems may be created by the older people who might refuse to move or with the larger families who might complain of the lack of space. "But there is plenty of chance to expand," the



"A clinic and a secondary school will form major attractions to (the) community"



"Children have to walk to nearby Wadi Musa to attend school"

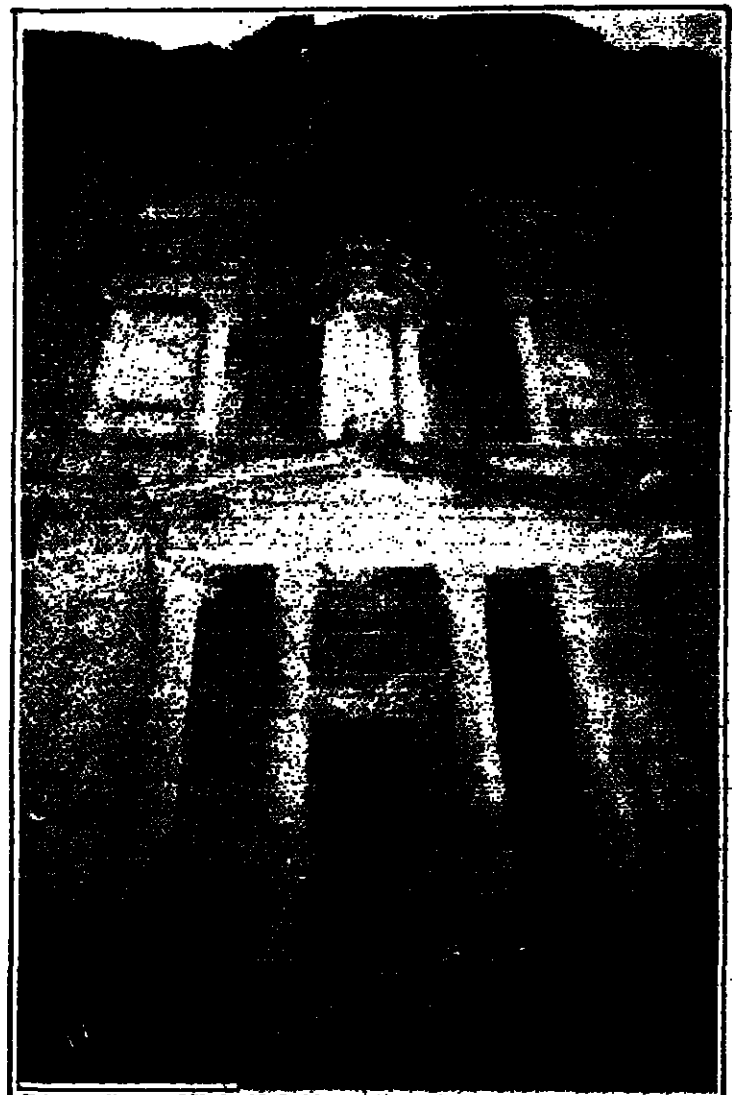
director said and added that it does not cost more to add another room to the house than it does to acquire a cave, clean it and construct a floor and a door for it. Besides, it is believed that the bedouin will not be able to resist the village services that will be on offer. A clinic and a secondary school will form major attractions to a community whose only available health services is what CARE Organisation offers and education is limited to a two-room

school of elementary level. Children of the preparatory and secondary level have to walk to nearby Wadi Musa to attend school. Another allurements is going to be the shopping centre, a cluster of shops designed to stand at the entrance of the village.

"We haven't decided on the form of payment yet," Mr. Alami said, "but with an average monthly income of JD 40 or 50 to the family one can't expect much."



"Many of them rent horses to tourists"



The Treasury at Jordan's Petra

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibition

* Saudi Exhibition of Art at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City.

Films

* This is Football, the last in a series of films in Arabic about coaching, tactics and skills, at the British Council Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

* Borsalino And Co., colour film sub-titled in Arabic (Starring Alain Delon), at the French Cultural Centre Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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Unique VIP Club for
businessmen

By Josephine Mushahwar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The VIP Business Club at Amman's Sheraton Palace hotel offers a unique service for travelling businessmen in the Middle East.

Situated on the 17th of the hotel's 20 floors, the club's Towers Lounge offers a separate check-in facility, refreshments, secretarial services in Arabic and English, as well as telex and translation services. The lounge also contains a small business library that keeps local and international newspapers, periodicals, guides and telephones of major firms in Jordan. A typewriter, a radio and a television are available in the lounge as well as a hostess to assist businessmen in airline reservations and hotel bookings. The Towers Lounge also offers stationary and an international line.

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Sales executive and Public Relations Director Ghaleb S. Sawalha said the reason for establishing the VIP Business Club was to provide personal attention for the businessman.

The Towers Lounge also offers stationary and an international line.

"Since the VIP club was established in November 1981," said General-Manager Erhard Noreisch, "businessmen have found it easier to make their transactions."

The 16th, 17th and 18th floors belong to the club, and Mr. Noreisch said the hotel is planning to extend it to two other floors.

Other benefits of the club include a VIP Business Club card, with which holders can receive a 10 per cent discount at the hotel's gift and souvenir shops. "Due to the expanding business in Jordan and the influx of travellers, we have become more oriented to the business traveller," Mr. Noreisch told the Jordan Times.

But, Mr. Noreisch said, tourism in Jordan should be publicised more elaborately. "We are in the process of printing 75,000 copies of a brochure to be distributed worldwide. One page of the brochure is fully devoted to tourist scenes in Jordan," he added.

There are 420 Sheraton hotels and Inns worldwide, 46 of which are in Europe, the Middle East,



Africa and India. The headquarters are in Massachusetts, and Mr. Noreisch said that a small head office will be established in Cairo. "We have regional sales and marketing offices in 12 cities and a central computer for the Middle East in Bahrain," said Mr.

Noreisch. "This handles reservations worldwide."

Mr. Noreisch disclosed that his hotel obtained approval from the Ministry of Transport for a courtesy bus to meet visiting businessmen at the airport. "We are planning special stickers for the club's members to be placed on their luggage. This will allow speedy procedures at the airport and they will be able to take our bus to the hotel. At the hotel, a little sou-

venir (copper pot, key chain, etc.) will be placed in their rooms," he said.

With the rates at JD 20 a room for businessmen (lower than the hotel's normal rates), Mr. Noreisch said that they hope to create a higher occupancy.

"This way we will deal with the high cost of living, because we neither want nor intend to overcharge any of our guests," he concluded.

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I have always maintained that one only needs to look around him to be made to laugh or cry, and that life can assume any colour we wish to give it.

Therefore let us enjoy together some gay moments picked from everyday life... The one-

colours I shall relate to you in this column are about real-life blunders and bricks that will amuse people and hopefully make them think twice... taken in their right perspective.

One last thing: Any resemblance to persons alive or dead is, of course, intended.

Bridge and charity

When you are newly introduced to a social group in Amman, you risk being asked the following three questions:

— What's your name?

— What do you do in life?

— Do you play bridge?

If your answer to the third question is positive, you will then have the pleasure of participating regularly in those "so enchanting bridge mornings" organised by our most elegant ladies.

Well yes, bridge is by far the favourite "sport" of these ladies. But if, alas, you have never learnt how to play this intricate card game, you will then have two choices:

— either to restrict your activities to tennis (weather permitting)

— or to start learning bridge.

The latter is what some young ladies, friends of mine, have bravely decided to do.

The instructor is the wife of a well-known doctor who insists that she "enjoys teaching bridge as much as playing it, if not more." The "students" are divided into groups, have one lesson every week and lots of homework. Those ladies who thought that bridge was a "silly little card game", were very much surprised. Some lost interest and left before finishing the course; but many persisted in their weekly lessons already looking forward with anticipation to their future bridge mornings.

You must be wondering why I bother to relate such a petty event. The main point of this story is that the "tuition fees" paid by the "bridge students" to their instructor are used to help a needy Jordanian family. The wife of the doctor thus pays the dozens of shares she collects from her students to this poor family.

Our teacher has found this lovely way that allows her to combine both pleasure and charity, an initiative that is well worth mentioning. Here. Don't you think so?

3-day conference on English starts at university Saturday

AMMAN (J.T.) — A conference on Problems of Teaching English Language and Literature at Arab Universities will be held at the University of Jordan from April 10-12. More than 50 professors from Arab and foreign universities will participate.

About 30 research papers will be presented. The topics to be covered include:

1. Philosophy and programmes of English departments in the Arab World.

2. Problems of teaching English literature to Arab students at the university level.

3. Problems of teaching English language to Arab students at the university level.

4. Teaching of English outside the English department (i.e. university service course in English).

Prof. Eid Dahiyat, chairman of

the English Department at the university, told the Jordan Times that "such cross-cultural exchange of ideas will be most helpful to us in the English Department in formulating the future policies and plans of the department." He added: "Some of the questions that will be dealt with concern the very philosophy of the English Department, and some are of a more practical nature; questions that have been repeatedly debated by educators."

Zarqa spends JD 675,000 on roads in '81

ZARQA (Petra) — Zarqa Municipality spent JD 675,000 last year on constructing and asphalt-paving roads and streets in the town, according to Zarqa Mayor Salameh Al Ghuweiri.

He said that JD 400,000 was used for asphalt-paving streets, and the rest was spent on building new roads in the Mar'sum, Ramzi and Wadi Al Hajar districts. Altogether, he said, 52 kilometres of roads were included.

Mr. Ghuweiri, speaking to reporters during a tour of several districts in Zarqa, said that the municipality has also built pedestrian pavements for these roads at a cost of JD 115,000.

JEA connects to Ma'an

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) Wednesday linked Ma'an with the 132-kilovolt national grid being fed by Al Hussein Thermal Power Station in Zarqa.

The new power supply will replace one produced by a diesel-

Baptists ordain Milad Arafage

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Baptist Convention recently ordained Mr. Milad Ayid Arafage to the Ministry of the Gospel in a special service at the Anjara Baptist Church.

The ordination service followed Mr. Arafage's successful completion of examination by an Examining Council of the Convention. The programme was conducted by Rev. Fawwaz Amish, president of the Jordan Baptist Convention.

The Rev. Arafage now serves as pastor of the Anjara Baptist Church and as chaplain of the Southern Baptist Hospital in Ajloun. He is married to the former Miss Mac Tannous Khalifi of Beirut, and they have two sons.

3-week seminar starts Saturday on Arab project implementation

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-week seminar on the implementation of economic and social development projects in the Arab World is due to open here on Saturday.

According to Dr. Abdullah Al Zurbi, director general of the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences (AOAS), the participants will present, discuss and exchange views and experiences on the concepts, principles and methods used in implementing such projects, with a view to finding better means of accelerating their implementation.

Arab countries' methods of planning economic and social projects over the past two decades will also be reviewed at the seminar. Dr. Zurbi said. Taking part in the seminar will be 25 senior officials representing planning departments, ministries and public institutions in 14 Arab states.

Seminar discusses old-age welfare

AMMAN (Petra) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) Wednesday organised a one-day seminar on senility and the welfare of old people, in observance of World Health Day.

The main speaker at the seminar, held at Al Wahdat Refugee camp in Amman, was Dr. Najji 'Ayyash, director of UNRWA medical services. He talked about the problems of old people who according to U.N. statistics, numbered 260 million in 1980. These old people, defined as those 65 years old and above, constituted 5.8 per cent of the total world population, he said. In Jordan

Madaba grows less wheat, more tobacco

MADABA (J.T.) — The area of land in Madaba district grown with wheat this year amounted to 60,000 dunums compared with 120,000 dunums last year according to Madaba District Agricultural Director Shawqi Karadshe.

He said this year 20,300 dunums in the district were grown with barley against 22,000 dunums in 1981 and 4250 dunums of land were sown with lentils against 8,000 last year. According to Mr. Karadshe, farmers have now started cultivating tobacco, and the total area of land allotted for this is estimated to be 25,000 dunums.

He attributed the drop in the quantity of winter-crops grown in the district to the delay of rain in the past winter, but he described the current agricultural season as very good.

fuelled generator in Ma'an.

With the new extension, the national grid now reaches all parts of the country, as far south as Ma'an, a JEA spokesman said. Work is under way to extend the national grid towards Aqaba, he said.

February food exports near JD 2m

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's foodstuff exports during February 1982 amounted to JD 1,832,000 while its imports totalled JD 10,716,000 for the same period, Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday. The paper explained that Jordan's exports and re-exports included live cattle, white cheese, olive oil, pickles, nuts, spices, concentrated animal feed and sweets, while its imports included concentrated feed, canned vegetables, canned and frozen meat, fresh and canned fish, various kinds of cheese, maize and vegetable oil.

Pollution effects, treatment examined

By Samira Kassar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The effects of industrial pollution in the Zarqa River basin on water and health; industrial wastes and standards of treatment, and recycling of whey produced by dairy industries were discussed at the fifth session of an interdisciplinary water seminar at the University of Jordan Wednesday morning. The seminar is being jointly organised by the university's science and engineering faculties, and has been taking place once every two weeks since Feb. 24.

Chairman of Wednesday's session Dr. Arafat Tamimi, director of the Industrial Chemistry Department at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), made a brief welcoming address to the 50 participants, in which he stressed the necessity of continuous and accurate estimations of Jordan's future water demands until the year 2000. He also called for the establishment of efficient scientific systems in cooperation between the RSS, the University of Jordan and other competent bodies, carefully to monitor the level of industrial pollutants in Jordan's surface and ground waters. He called for a new comprehensive, industrialisation policy which would include the management of Jordan's water resources.

Standard 202, issued by the

government in 1981 to control the dumping of industrial wastes, has increased the demand for industrial waste treatment plants, Dr. Tamimi said. A concomitant need for appropriate know-how in the technology of these plants has arisen, and requires urgent attention, he added.

The seminar's first paper—on industrial wastes and standards of treatment—was delivered by Dr. Karl-Heinz Rosenwinkel, of the University of Hannover's Sanitary Engineering Department. He presented a highly technical account of several waste treatment plants for specific industries in West Germany, Switzerland, England and the Netherlands.

Mrs. Maha Tutunji, teaching assistant at the University of Jordan's Chemistry Department, delivered the second paper, on industrial pollution in the Zarqa River basin and its effect on health. She started by advocating several measures for the preservation of Jordan's water resources from ever-increasing industrial pollution. She called for the adoption of a practical and accepted criterion determining the qualities of drinking water and the maximum acceptable levels of impurities. The criterion issued by the Council of European Communities in its official journal in July 1980 seemed suitably comprehensive because it defined maximum admissible concentrations for 62 parameters, she said.

Her second recommendation was that attempts be made at identification and screening to determine the characters, quantities and qualities of industrial wastes being discharged each day. For this purpose, she divided the Zarqa River course into four industrial zones: The Marka-Ruseifa area and the areas of East, West and South Amman, all of which are currently discharging 7,000 cubic metres a day of industrial

effluent into the river and its surrounding ponds.

Irreversible bodily damage

The phosphate industry and its spinoff industries, the tanning industry, the wet battery factory and the chlor-alkali plant are mainly responsible for the discharge of waste water containing high levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and zinc into the Zarqa River, Mrs. Tutunji said. She pointed out that lead and mercury are highly dangerous to the human body if consumed in drinking water in excess of certain levels, defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO). They cause damage to cell membranes and essential enzymes, adversely affect energy metabolism and impair the transmission of nerve impulses, she said. In most cases, the damage is irreversible, she warned.

Mrs. Tutunji recommended that industries discharging these metals be monitored and placed under a special category. Referring to research she had recently conducted by analysing 28 water samples from the Zarqa River below the King Talal Dam, she said that zinc, chromium, cadmium and lead contaminate the river course, but remain within WHO allowable levels. Mercury concentrations, however, were found to be dangerously high.

Analysis showed that ground water aquifers, as well as surface waters were being affected, she said. The main source of contamination seemed to come from the Jordan Distilled Chemical Company (the chlor-alkali plant), which has imported 21 tonnes of mercury since 1974. She pointed

out that before 1980, a total of 80 cubic metres a day of waste containing north of two plants, and flowing into two ponds near the Zarqa-Amman highway. About 700 kilograms of mercury per annum had been concentrating in ponds outside the factory before 1980, she said.

Following the issuance of government Standard 202 in 1981 requiring industrial plants to treat their wastes, the chlor-alkali plant took measures in early 1982 to decrease its discharge of mercury wastes, she pointed out.

Recycling whey

The session's third paper was delivered by M.Sc. student Said Shawar, who reported on his work concerning the recycling of whey as a waste product produced by dairy industries in producing cheese and labaneh. He pointed out that the presence of organic matter in whey encourages the growth of microorganisms, and makes the whey a serious water pollutant, because these organisms' oxygen demand reduces the oxygen content of water and adversely changes its qualities, he pointed out. The estimated daily amount of whey produced by Jordan's dairy industry is 40 tonnes, mostly in the Amman-Zarqa area.

Examining several ways in which whey could be treated for use in other industries, instead of being left untreated to pollute water resources, he recommended that whey be fermented and recycled in a powder form, to be used in other industries such as the production of alcohol, antibiotics, vitamins and food additives.

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Islands in the deep

The economics of island countries have received very little attention by analysts and researchers. Most of the time they are enlisted among a host of countries with which the islands share common attributes of growth or stagnation, development or backwardness. With the exception of a few U.N. reports and sporadic individual studies, information about island economics is virtually nonexistent.

With the current struggle between U.K. and Argentina over the Falkland Islands, the topic may draw further attention. In the midst of smoggy talk about national pride, it is said that the islands are rich with oil. If so, it is my belief that both sides of the dispute may eventually come to some understanding over the matter before they engage in an all-out naval war that would be very costly to both.

Recently, islands have become prime news because of their strategic geographical position, or because of their wealth in natural resources. Some of these spots suddenly became well known because of the disputes which arise over them.

Islands are strips of land surrounded by water. Such a geographical location imposes on most of them a certain pattern of economic reality different from inland countries. Eating fish, leading a more relaxed and tolerable life, at the same time more exposed to external pressures, islanders develop a different disposition. They hold more to the rural modality of life.

Tourism has added a new dimension to their lives. Foreigners come to the islands to make their dreams come true. The nostalgic appeal of islands has been brought into all cultures by such stories as Robinson Crusoe, Mutiny on the Bounty, Hawaii, Bali, and others. Aruba in the Caribbean is totally dependent on tourism, port services and foreign business.

Big islands however, have lost a great deal of their prototype identity when they became heavily populated. Indonesia and the Philippines are now countries with problems of population and poverty. Their nice disposition is very appealing. As it was once put by a leading Philippine official: "we kill foreigners with our kindness."

Smaller and less known islands are the ones which merit further investigation. Foreign carpetbaggers seeking fast fortunes and "quick bucks" are spoiling those last original habitats of the world. The Falklands may be a case which clearly reveals the destiny which may await them.

What adds to the problems of islands is that they do not have a clear-cut identity to find them against foreigners. The laws of sea and the territorial sea waters are still unresolved matters. Sure we hear of large conferences assembled with the aim to create a code of conduct regarding, i.e., these islands and their territorial sea-rights. So far however, all such efforts have been shrouded with difficulties.

The Azores, the islands in the Arabian Gulf, the Virgin Islands, Fiji were once havens. Now they have lost their virgin appeal and have become highly commercialised. They have become seats in the struggle between larger nations who fight over these islands without paying any heed to the wishes and desires of their people.

Many an island still run the risk a possible grim future. Gibraltar is a clear cut example.

The dream-like havens of Simbad Islands where the valleys were full of diamonds, and the high hills full of coconut-throwing monkeys are giving way to the invasion and greed coming the islanders.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The dirty play continues

AL RA'I: The situation in the region enhances the possibility of an Israeli aggression. This strong possibility has been affirmed by the meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the members of his government on one side and the leaders of the opposition Labour Party on the other to discuss security matters.

The Israeli leaders denied that they discussed the formation of a coalition government. Begin explanation was that terrorism has escalated and made such a meeting necessary. This means that the meeting between the government and the opposition has centered on the adoption of a grave decision. These indications and the approaching final Israeli withdrawal from Sinai, make the signs of an expected Israeli aggression, reported by U.S. media two months ago, again evident.

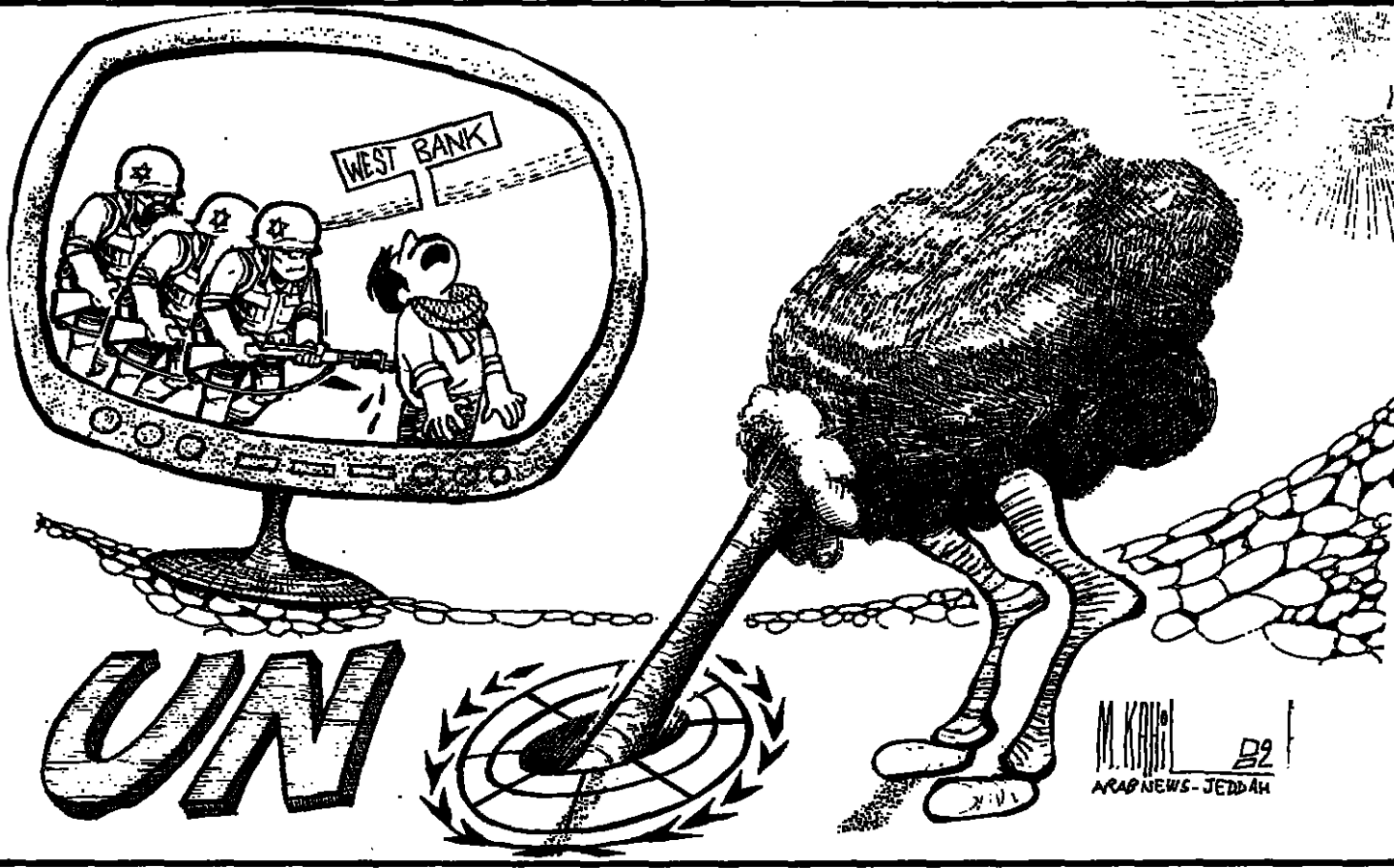
It must be recalled that this scenario about the Israeli aggression has been the result of "U.S. reports" which said that Israel was trying to launch a campaign of blackmail before completing its final withdrawal from Sinai. The U.S. media said that southern Lebanon was a possible target for such an adventure. The aim would be on the hand to deal a very strong blow to the Palestinian resistance in order to establish a new status quo on the Lebanese territories. On the other hand, the Israeli strategy would be to sound and embarrass Egypt so that Israel might secure an excuse not to withdraw from Sinai if Egypt were to show a strong response to the Israeli aggression in Lebanon.

One must also recall the statement the Israeli ambassador to the U.S. made when he visited Tel Aviv. The Israeli ambassador said that the strategic cooperation agreement with the United States was still valid. Does this mean that the two parties have already discussed and coordinated this expected Israeli aggression? The answer lies with Washington. Washington is fully aware of the Israeli intentions and it can prevent Israel from embarking on such an adventure. What will the U.S. stand by? Will it play the role of the spectator until the adventure takes place and then call on the warring parties to exercise self-restraint? Nothing else is expected.

Naive, for now

THE EGYPTIAN proposal to the non-aligned countries' meeting in Kuwait this week for simultaneous and mutual Israeli-Palestinian recognition is not acceptable in its present form, but is worth chewing over as a conceptual framework for future peace-making efforts. The idea that the non-aligned states could mediate a peace agreement between the Arabs and Israelis is naive, given the overwhelming freedom of military action that Israel has in the Middle East as a result of its unconditional and total American support. Israel is not in a frame of mind to make peace, and the Americans are not in a frame of mind to induce more flexibility or rationality on Israel's part. In such circumstances, talk of negotiated peace is wishful thinking.

But in the longer term, Palestinian aspirations for nationhood can only be accommodated by the creation of a sovereign Palestinian state. This state is most likely to come into being on the West Bank and Gaza Strip territories now occupied by the American-backed Israelis. At some point in the future, one anticipates a negotiating process leading to an Israeli withdrawal from these territories, linked to a process of Palestinian national self-determination ending in statehood. The Palestinian leadership has indicated, in cryptic terms, that it will accept such a package, but there has been no such parallel indication from the Israeli side. The United States seems happy to maintain the status quo and therefore must be judged uninterested at present in moving towards a Palestinian-Israeli dialogue based on universally accepted principles, as opposed to the intellectual sandbox of Camp David.



Only Israel gains

AL DUSTOUR: The Non-aligned Movement's Coordination Bureau has started its meeting in Kuwait to discuss the best ways to support the Palestinian issue and the struggle of the Palestinian people. These positive stands by the Non-Aligned Movement, supporting the Arabs and denouncing Israel's policy of aggression will not change or even influence Israel's intransigence and bellicosity. All statements of support for the Arabs by peace-loving and friendly peoples and all United Nations resolutions have so far failed to achieve that.

Supported and protected by the United States, Israel has been ignoring all statements denouncing and condemning its policy of aggression. Israel does not care about the international will on the resolutions of the United Nations. The support of and the sympathising stand taken by non-Aligned Movement can never be an alternative to the basic stand which should be adopted by the Arabs themselves.

How can we ask other countries to support the Palestinian issue while we remain divided and unable to draw up a comprehensive strategy to confront the challenges and the dangers imposed on us?

It is very strange to ask others to take practical steps in supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people while we fail to adopt a Palestinian policy that can transcend differences, win the respect and support of friends, deter the enemy and put an end to its aggression on and belittling of the Arab Nation. The reality we must understand is that as long as we remain idle and incapable of adopting a comprehensive strategy to defend the Palestinian issue and the rights of the Palestinian people, then nothing will make Israel budge or cede an inch of our occupied territories.

Statements and resolutions will not change the grim image. The Arabs can achieve this only if they transcend their differences and take practical steps to confront the enemy.

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Syrian pound	57.4/57.9
Irqi dinar	638/646.6
Kuwaiti dinar	1222/1225
Egyptian pound	330.1/335.8
Qatari riyal	96.1/96.6
UAE dirham	95.3/95.8
Omani riyal	101.3/102.0
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550	450	Citrus (grey)	240	200

Pound revives as stocks rally on calmer view of Falklands crisis

LONDON (R) — The battered pound sterling recovered some ground Wednesday and shares were healthier as

financial markets took a calmer view of the Falklands crisis.

Dealers said that signs of increased diplomatic activity had improved sterling's tone, although the foreign exchange market was still reserved about hopes of a peaceful solution to the dispute between Britain and Argentina. Buying of sterling, particularly by West German and Swiss customers, gave some early relief to the pound and it rose by a cent to \$1.76, and by 1.5 pence to 4.24 marks.

Sterling fell as low as \$1.7460 Monday before Bank of England support pushed it back to \$1.7495 Tuesday night, its lowest London closing since Oct. 1977.

One market operator estimated that the Bank of England sold up to \$600 million in the past two days to steady the pound's decline, caused mainly by market fears that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher might be toppled by the crisis.

Mrs. Thatcher is regarded by many financiers as the personal standardbearer of the tough anti-inflation policies of the past three years which now seem to be bearing fruit.

The political crisis over the Falklands, which has already led to the resignation of Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, has ironically arisen when the British economy seems set for a hesitant recovery.

If Mrs. Thatcher were not to survive the crisis, there would be potential for a sharp slide in the pound, dealers said.

The government may not be too perturbed by the decline to \$1.76 from the recent plateau of \$1.80 but will be anxious about this week's accompanying slump against the currencies of West European trading partners, analysts said. A generally lower pound

would damage the government's battle against inflation, now down to 11 per cent.

Further heavy pressure on the pound might force the government to push up interest rates sharply, an unpopular political step that would endanger the recovery from recession.

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UAE, Kuwait vow to support Nigeria

BAHRAIN (R) — Two OPEC countries pledged Wednesday to back Nigeria in its fight to preserve its oil price against pressure from oil companies for a reduction.

Mana Said Al Oteiba, United Arab Emirates (UAE) oil minister said his country and Kuwait had agreed to support Nigeria and continue consulting on measures to be taken, the Emirates News Agency reported.

Dr. Oteiba, who is also president of OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries), was speaking after talks in Kuwait with the Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah.

U.S. delegation eases stand on Law of Sea

UNITED NATIONS (A.P.) — Well placed sources said on Tuesday that the U.S. delegation to the current U.N. conference on the Law of the Sea had softened its stand on the Sea-law treaty now pending at the conference, but not enough to satisfy the Third World.

The informants, who asked not to be identified, so described the situation after the so-called Group of 77 developing countries, now grown to 124, had a private meeting on the new U.S. initiative.

They quoted the Americans as saying the so-called green book of 230 or so amendments to the draft treaty that the United States introduced on March 11 was irrelevant or, as one put it, part of history.

The United States produced the specific amendments when Third World countries objected that earlier U.S. amendments were confusing in that on a given issue they sometimes offered a choice of texts.

An American source, asking not to be named, said what the United States was trying to do now was develop more palatable language to see that the treaty met the objectives President Ronald Reagan set out last Jan. 29 in announcing that the United States was returning to the negotiations after taking a year out for a policy review.

The main objectives were that the treaty not deter seabed mine development, that it assure U.S.

access to seabed minerals, that its decision-making rules effectively protect the interests of participating states, that it enable the U.S. Senate to veto treaty amendments and that the text be likely to get the Senate's approval.

The proposed treaty, in the making for over eight years, would give every coastal country a territorial sea running 19 kilometres out from shore and an exclusive economic zone running on to 320 kilometres out and would regulate navigation through territorial waters, the economic zone and straits.

But the U.S. amendments all related to a section that would enable private companies and an international seabed authority to

share in the mining of minerals found in nodules on the sea floor.

The nodules contain manganese, nickel, copper, cobalt and some other metals.

A senior American delegation official Tuesday night confirmed that "we're not going to pursue the green book."

"What we are trying to do," he said, "is find other ways of implementing the president's objectives."

"We're holding informal discussions with various delegations to try to think aloud on this matter. We're doing our best to get agreement."

The official, who asked that his name not be used, said, "nothing is on paper."

Saudi Arabia pledges to maintain consumer-producer interests

RIYADH (A.P.) — Saudi Arabia pledged Wednesday its commitment to consumer as well as producer interests on the international oil arena.

The pledge was made in an emphatic statement by Information Minister Abdo Yamani, read over the Saudi state radio, declaring that Saudi Arabian production was and will continue to be "the decisive factor in determining trends on the international oil market."

Mr. Yamani drew attention specifically to a statement made two weeks ago by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd that Saudi Arabia's "leading and responsible role" rested on "a sound view of the international economy as an inter-related network of mutual interests."

Prince Fahd had favoured in particular assurances that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would undertake no effort to raise prices—beyond the current \$34 a barrel benchmark price it is currently defending—over the next few years.

Such an assurance, he said, was a crucial factor for enabling bus-

inesses all over the world to undertake sound planning and thus guarantee the stability of the global economy.

Mr. Yamani's statement said international stability was the main consideration in Saudi oil policies.

"We remember well how the kingdom raised its production to maximal levels when consuming countries were thirsty for petroleum," he said. "So no one should blame us when we decide on certain measures to limit the negative effects of the presence of

large (oil) surplus that threatens the interests of the oil-producing countries and also the stability of the petroleum market."

Mr. Yamani said Saudi Arabia's recent decision to lower daily crude output to seven million barrels can be assessed only within

the framework of the clearcut policy it has maintained over the past few years.

"Despite the decrease," he added, "the size of Saudi production is still the crucial factor—a natural result of the kingdom's huge reserves."

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.7590/7600	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2295/98	Canadian dollars
	2.4075/85	West German marks
	2.6700/30	Dutch guilders
	1.9580/90	Swiss francs
	45.43/48	Belgian francs
	6.2670/2730	French francs
	1324.25/1325.25	Italian lire
	245.50/70	Japanese yen
	5.9420/40	Swedish crowns
	6.1050/1100	Norwegian crowns
	8.1950/75	Danish crowns
Once ounce of gold	356.50/357.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices extended Tuesday afternoon's technical rally but closed below initial levels. The market is still apprehensive over the Falkland Islands crisis, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 5.6 at 558.6.

The approaching long Easter week-end kept interest at a moderate level but some institutional mopping-up was noted during the morning session.

Leading equities ended with net rises ranging to 13p while a mixed trend was noted in gold and North American issues, dealer said.

Government bonds firmed up to 1-1/2 points at the outset in response to diplomatic moves on the Falkland Islands situation but the advance was later pared to about 3/4 point.

Unilever was 13p higher at 612, Glaxo and Blue Circle added 10p apiece, BATs firmed 8p and GEC rose 7p.

Gains among banks ranged to 8p and in mixed insurances, Sun Alliance was a net 16p down at \$10 and Phoenix 4p easier at 236 after annual results, dealers said.

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Chirac favours French Grand Prix through streets of Paris

PARIS (A.P.) — Mayor Jacques Chirac is "rather favourable" towards a project to stage the French Grand Prix auto race through the streets of Paris, including the famous Champs Elysees, spokesman Bernard Niquet said Tuesday.

He confirmed the city had been approached by a French organisation including former Grand Prix drivers Jean-Pierre Jabouille and Jose Dolhem. The group was reported Tuesday to be trying to set up the event. None of the organisers was reachable.

Niquet said, "it's a good idea but there are many technical and safety problems to be studied. But if it can be done in Monaco, Long Beach (California) and Detroit (Michigan), there's no reason it would not work in Paris."

Fly flag, play national anthem purely Taiwan's choice

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan has retained the right to decide whether or not to fly the nationalist flag and play the national anthem at

the fifth world women's softball tournament in Taipei in July, an organising committee official said Wednesday.

The official, Thomas Hsueh, said no decision had been made on whether or not the flag and anthem would be used. "It is still months from the opening date," he said.

The International Softball Federation (ISF) Secretary-General Don Porter announced here Tuesday that the political problems surrounding the tournament had been settled and that it would be held in Taipei as scheduled.

Mr. Porter did not clarify the position on the flag and anthem and Mr. Hsueh had said that the nationalist flag would be raised at the tournament opening.

Borg, Noah to meet in Monte Carlo quarterfinals

MONTE CARLO (A.P.) — No. 4 seed Bjorn Borg missed two match points and then slid past unseeded Italian Adriano Panatta 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 Wednesday to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Grand Prix tennis tournament.

The 25-year-old Swede now meets France's Yannick Noah, the No. 6 seed who came from behind to eliminate Panatta's younger cousin Claudio Panatta 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 in another second-round match Wednesday.

Top seed Ivan Lendl is to play Switzerland's Heinz Gunthardt in a second-round match. The winner of that contest will move into the quarterfinals against Hungarian Balazs Taroczy, the seventh seed who ousted France's Thierry Tulasne Wednesday in straight sets 6-3, 6-4.

Borg, who has dropped to sixth place in the rankings, last met and defeated the 48th-ranked Panatta in the finals of the Italian Open in 1978.

After taking the first set 6-2, Borg committed five of his seven double faults of the match in the second set while Panatta slammed in three aces.

"The worst problem I'm having is with my service," said Borg, who has just ended a five-month tournament break. "I'm missing too many first serves and making too many double faults. It's something I have to work on."

It was the first set Borg has lost since he entered the tournament after winning three qualifying matches. A three-time champion at this clay court event, Borg had to go through the qualifying round because of his refusal to play a minimum of 10 Grand Prix tournaments this year.

In the third set, Borg lost his service after two consecutive double faults to give the 31-year-old Panatta a 2-1 edge.

Borg held his service to love in the sixth to tie it 3-3 and broke

Panatta in the next game to pull ahead for the first time at 4-3. The Swede never relinquished the lead.

Borg took the eighth game on is only ace of the match, but the Italian fought back and held service to love in the next game to trail at 5-4.

In the final game, Panatta saved two match points before he hit a backhand into the net to hand it over to Borg at 6-4. "I've only been practicing for three days so I didn't think I played badly," said Panatta.

IOC chief arrives in Seoul to discuss 1988 Olympics

SEOUL, South Korea (A.P.) — International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch arrived here Wednesday for a four-day visit to discuss preparatory stages for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

Samaranch's Seoul visit will include an inspection of sports facilities under construction for the 1988 summer games. Seoul was awarded the games in an IOC general membership vote in Baden-Baden, West Germany, last September.

South Korean Olympic officials said Samaranch also will meet with president Chun Doo-hwan, Prime Minister Yoo Chang-soon and sports leaders for talks on the Olympic preparations. Samaranch has already visited

North Korea, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Taiwan in his current Asian tour which will take him to Japan Saturday.

Before departing Taipei Samaranch reassured Taiwanese sports officials the IOC would help reinstate Taiwan in some international sports federations.

Several international sports organs, including those for gymnastics, weightlifting and wrestling, have ousted Taiwan from their memberships after admitting mainland China.

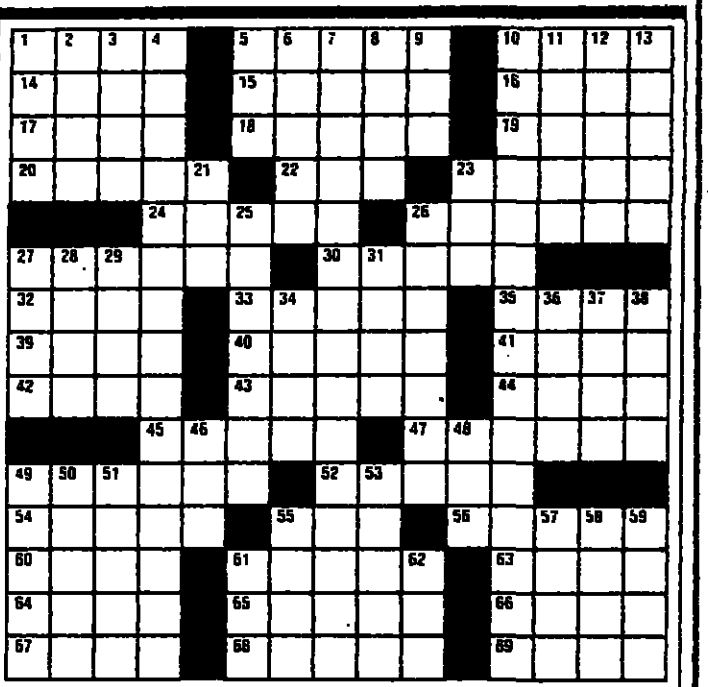
He paid a courtesy call on Shen Chia-ming, President of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee, and was briefed on Taiwan's amateur sports activities prior to the conclusion of his four-day visit.

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WORLD

Paris, Brussels, Bonn impose arms sanctions on Argentina

Europe rallies behind Britain

BRUSSELS (R) — France and Belgium Wednesday followed Britain and the Netherlands in banning arms sales to Argentina following her invasion of the Falklands Islands.

Ambassadors of the European Common Market countries meeting here gave what diplomats called a positive response to Britain's request for sanctions against Argentina but deferred final decisions.

French presidential spokesman Pierre Bergey said in Paris the cabinet had confirmed an embargo on all existing contracts for aircraft and anti-aircraft missiles, and on spare parts and ammunition.

A Belgian government statement said all sales of arms and military equipment to Argentina were banned, and the Belgian ambassador was being recalled from Buenos Aires for consultations.

Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, current holder of the Common Market presidency, called for a meeting of political directors from the 10 market nations on Friday to discuss diplomatic initiatives to end the Anglo-Argentine dispute.

The West German cabinet Wednesday declared an imm-

ediate embargo on deliveries of weapons, munitions and other war material to Argentina.

The Bonn government's chief spokesman, Kurt Becker, said the government condemned the Argentine invasion and had decided on an immediate embargo on deliveries of war material to Argentina.

This covered not only four frigates and a submarine ordered from West German shipyards, but also parts being supplied for six corvettes under construction in Argentina. It would last at least as long as the conflict continued.

Shipping sources said three of the frigates were almost ready to start trials, and the submarine was due for completion this year.

Mr. Becker said the embargo fulfilled one of several British wishes for sanctions against Argentina. Decisions on the others would be made within the Common Market.

Mr. Becker said Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who interrupted a holiday to chair the cabinet session, telephoned the decisions immediately afterwards to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

He said Mrs. Thatcher paid tribute to them as an example of good British-West German relations.

At a meeting in Rome Wednesday with United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini said Italy was gravely concerned over the crisis and hoped Britain and Argentina would resolve it without force.

Italy has so far made no response to British requests for sanctions and political sources in Rome believe it unlikely the government would favour them.

Moscow criticises London

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union blamed Britain Wednesday for the Falklands crisis, saying that it should have yielded sovereignty over the island long ago.

A foreign ministry spokesman, explaining Moscow's refusal to back a United Nations call for a withdrawal of Argentine troops from the islands, said Britain had deliberately delayed negotiations with Argentina to find a diplomatic solution.

The prepared statement, given by telephone to Western news agencies, was similar to a commentary by the official Soviet news agency TASS on Tuesday.

The spokesman said Britain had effectively sabotaged a long-standing U.N. General Assembly resolution calling on colonial powers to surrender sovereignty over overseas territories.

"Over many years Great Britain, as the governing power (in the Falklands), stubbornly opposed U.N. demands over the decolonisation of this territory and drew out negotiations with Argentina," he said.

"For this reason the Soviet delegation (to the U.N.) did not support the draft resolution presented to the Security Council by Great Britain, because it fully ignored this side of the issue," he said.

Guatemala insurgents stir up trouble again

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — Guatemala's two-week-old military government rushed automatic weapons to civil defence patrols after guerrillas launched an attack in the north of the country over the weekend, the army said Tuesday.

An army spokesman said the military government equipped civil defence patrols around Rabinal, 140 kilometres north of the capital, with M-1 rifles to defend themselves against the guerrillas.

The insurgents killed 13 civil defence patrolmen and eight civilians in attacks on Rabinal and nearby Nicajab, the army said. The death toll was the highest reported since a three-man junta deposed rightist President Romeo Lucas Garcia in a bloodless coup two weeks ago.

W. German police search for Turkish forgery ring

MUNICH, West Germany (A.P.) — Arrest warrants have been issued against four Turks and an investigation begun against three Germans in connection with a forgery ring that sold false papers to Turkish workers, police said Wednesday.

The Munich police department estimated that as many as 900 Turks had received work permits in the city using forged police registration papers which the ring sold for between 200 and 5,000 marks.

Three of the four Turks are believed to have fled the country, police said, and officers were searching for the fourth, identified as 37-year-old Ruban Izdes.

All four were employed as translators in the Munich area.

In addition, officers said three employees of the Munich office

for foreigners had been suspended from their posts pending completion of a criminal investigation into their possible role in the ring.

Their names were not released. Under West German law, foreigners applying for work permits must produce a police registration form. All residents of this country, including West German citizens, must be registered with the police in their home towns.

Foreigners cannot obtain the registration form, however, unless they have been granted permission to reside in West Germany and have the permit stamped in their passports.

Citizens of non-European Economic Community nations face great difficulties in obtaining residency permits as the West Germans seek to reduce the number of foreign workers in the country.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
1981 by Chicago Tribune

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

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Opening lead: Two of ♦.

In our Sunday column a few weeks ago, we discussed whether an opening lead can carry suit preference connotations. At that time we said that we could envision some circumstances where an opening lead had to be a suit preference signal. Life imitates art, as Oscar Wilde said. At the recent Fall North American Championships in San Francisco, this hand cropped up in Life Master Men's Pairs.

Since South had little to spare for his free bid at the two-level, he stoutly resisted all his partner's efforts to get to slam. Not that slam was a bad venture. With normal breaks, declarer would either have to establish a long spade or drop a doubleton queen of hearts. There were other possibilities as well. But events proved that even five diamonds was too high. Sitting East and West were Don Krauss of Los Angeles and Bob Hamman of Dallas, who first represented the United States in international competition, at the 1984 World Bridge Olympiad in New York. Hamman had been listening to the auction and selected the two of spades as his opening lead. Krauss ruffed.

It was obvious from the bidding that Hamman had to hold more than four spades — South would surely have raised spades with four to the ace. Therefore, the two was not the fourth-highest card in the suit. Since West had a choice of cards to lead, it was clear that the lead was a suit preference signal, showing an entry in the lower ranking side suit.

Trusting his partner implicitly, East underled his ace, of clubs. West won the king and gave his partner another spade ruff to defeat a seemingly impregnable contract.

U.S. says work continues on Soviet missile sites even after freeze offer

BRUSSELS (R) — The United States said Tuesday work on sites for SS-20 missiles had continued in the European part of the Soviet Union since President Brezhnev announced a freeze on further deployment of SS-20 missiles in the European part of the USSR.

A senior U.S. official who attended the meeting said there was no contradiction between President Brezhnev's statement and continuing work on new missile sites.

But it underlines that the Soviet Union could resume deployments at will as they have tied the freeze to the absence of practical preparations for deployment of NATO's Cruise and Pershing-II missiles, he said.

NATO defence ministers have already dismissed the Soviet unilateral freeze saying it would only consolidate the current Soviet monopoly in medium-range, land-based nuclear missiles.

Mexico assigns copters to reach volcano victims

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (A.P.) — A group of American helicopter pilots planned another attempt Wednesday to reach isolated villages on the slopes of the erupting Chichonal volcano in which more than 5,000 peasants may have perished. The chief pilot said he doubted they would be successful.

The 10 pilots flying for Pemex, the Mexican government's oil monopoly, made some trial flights Tuesday. But they could not get near the volcano because of the clouds of volcanic ash belching up from the crater.

Chief Pilot James Ballard said the copters would try again to fly over the five villages on the slopes of the mountain from which nothing has been heard since the eruptions began March 29. But he said the dense clouds of ash would probably force them back because the debris would clog the turbines

of their copters.

The villages are reached normally by trails now blocked by ashes about one metre deep from El Chichonal. With villages much farther away from the crater deserted because of the ash covering them and roofs of huts collapsed by the accumulation of debris, many officials doubt that anyone is still alive in the isolated settlements.

However, Defence Minister Felix Galvan Lopez said he was still planning to have 150 army paratroopers dropped into the villages with food and medicine "as soon as it is possible."

Twenty-one deaths have been confirmed and more than 500 people were injured in the first week of eruptions from the peak in the Sierra Madre range in southeast Mexico. Towns and villages for kilometres around have been emptied by more than 60,000 refugees.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Sadat assassins appeal against sentences

CAIRO (R) — Twenty-two Muslim fundamentalists found guilty of murdering or plotting to murder President Anwar Sadat last October have appealed against death sentences and various prison terms, defence ministry officials said. The appeal was made to President Hosni Mubarak who last month approved the sentences passed by a supreme military court on March 6. The court sentenced five men to death and 17 others were jailed for terms ranging from five years to life.

Fire guts Lebanese restaurant in Brooklyn

NEW YORK (R) — Police Tuesday investigated claims that an extremist Jewish group was responsible for a fire which destroyed a popular Lebanese restaurant in Brooklyn on Monday, killing an elderly woman in a flat above. After the blaze gutted the Tripoli Restaurant, separate calls to local news organisations claimed the fire was the work either of the Jewish Defence League or a group called "Freedom Fighters for Israel."

3 die in Beirut factory fire

BEIRUT (A.P.) — Three people died in a massive fire at a paints factory in Christian East Beirut Wednesday, Lebanon state television reported. It said the three, two Lebanese and one Indian, died after inhaling poisonous gases emitted by fumes inside the four-storey building in the industrial Dora area on the outskirts of East Beirut. It said the building was gutted by the fire.

Chatti: 'Mideast situation serious'

ISLAMABAD (A.P.) — Habib Chatti, secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Wednesday described the current situation in the Middle East as "very serious, very dangerous." Speaking to reporters on arrival here to attend the conference of mayors of Islamic capitals which opens Thursday, Mr. Chatti said the Middle East situation "is the worst I have known for a long time." He said, "We have to face it and fight it, and the fight will be very hard."

Baghdad receives Sheikh Zayed's message

BEIRUT (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Wednesday received a message from the president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, on bilateral cooperation, the Iraqi News Agency INA reported. It said the verbal message was conveyed by the UAE minister of state for foreign affairs, Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi, who arrived in Baghdad for a visit Tuesday.

Mubarak urged to release detainees

CAIRO (A.P.) — Egypt's vocal leftist party on Wednesday appealed to President Hosni Mubarak to release what it termed "several thousand political detainees" who it said have been in jail for the past six months. The appeal came in a formal pamphlet distributed to news agencies. It was the first such act since Mr. Mubarak established a five-month old tradition of meeting regularly with leaders of the opposition parties to discuss domestic and foreign issues.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

3 Soviets expelled from Berne last year

BERNE (A.P.) — Three Soviet diplomats, suspected of political espionage, were expelled from their posts in Switzerland early last year, a Swiss federal official said Tuesday. The official, speaking privately, confirmed a report published by the Swiss newspaper 24 Heures that the Soviets were declared *persona non grata* by the Swiss executive cabinet in January 1981. The affair had not previously been disclosed.

Perez de Cuellar to visit Austria

VIENNA (A.P.) — U.N. Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar will travel to Austria for a four-day Nations spokesman said Wednesday. Mr. Perez de Cuellar is slated to meet with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and other ranking government officials, as well as with heads of U.N. organisations based in Vienna. He is scheduled to arrive here Tuesday.

Prince Edward to teach in New Zealand

LONDON (R) — Queen Elizabeth's youngest son, Prince Edward, will teach at New Zealand's Wanganui Collegiate School for two terms from September, Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday night. The 18-year-old prince, at present a boarder at Gordonstoun School in Scotland, will be a house tutor and junior master at Wanganui. Prince Edward hopes to go to Cambridge University in October next year if he does well enough in his examinations. He has a reputation for being the brightest of Britain's young royals.

Kabul reports 140 rebels killed

ISLAMABAD (R) — Radio Kabul reported Tuesday that security forces had killed 140 anti-government rebels and arrested 16 in Afghanistan's Baghlan Province. The radio, monitored in Islamabad, said American and Chinese-made arms, including rocket-launchers and anti-tank mines, were also seized from "counter-revolutionaries" in operations carried out recently.

Rao to visit Japan, Hong Kong

NEW DELHI (A.P.) Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao will make a week-long visit to Japan and Hong Kong later this month, the government announced Wednesday. Mr. Rao will leave here April 15 for the British colony of Hong Kong where he will spend the night. He is scheduled to fly on to Osaka, Japan, the next day, and will visit Nara and Kyoto before reaching Tokyo the night of April 18, spokesman Mani Shanker Iyer said.

Typesetters go on strike in Rome

ROME (R) — A strike by typesetters stopped publication of all newspapers in Rome Wednesday except the new financial daily Il Globo, whose use of video technology has prompted the action. Il Globo, a tabloid aimed at the business and professional markets, published its first edition Tuesday with journalists setting type directly through video display units. The Rome federation of typesetters, who say the new technology threatens their jobs, immediately called a strike.

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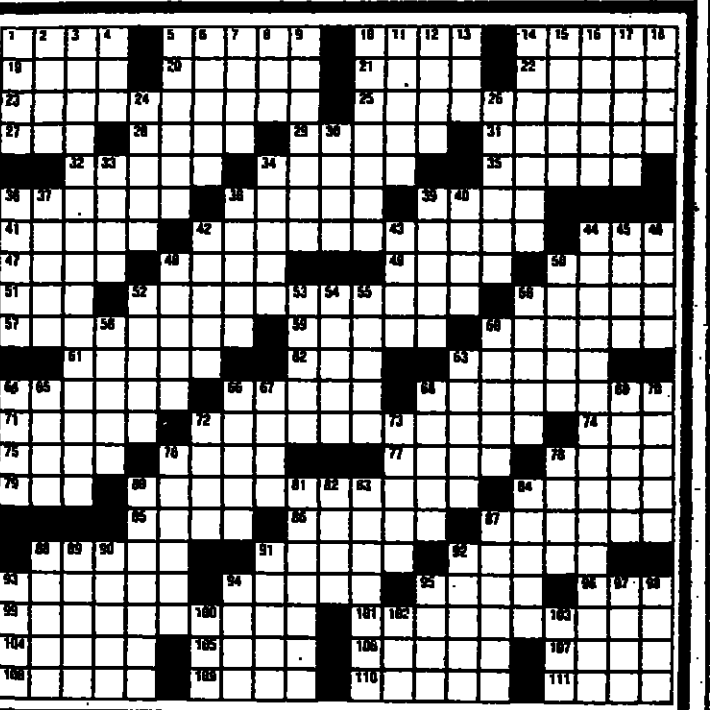
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ACROSS
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2 Rod
3 Baseball's
4 Mickey
10 "To — and to
11 Peruses again
12 Frankfurt
13 Poe's middle
14 Name
15 Showed
16 Ado
20 Slickup
22 Juan or Eva
23 Offspring
24 Prevailing
25 Water —
26 Hospital
27 Preserve
28 Soldier
29 Barbershop
30 Need
31 Lairs
32 Code
33 Puts on
34 Puts on
35 Poem
36 Occurrence
40 Fisherman,
of a sort
41 Gaelic
42 Self esteem
43 Jewfish
44 Hot place
45 Certain
46 Politician
52 Eaten away
53 Combination
54 Land
57 A makebeer
58 A Gabor
59 Hotelling
60 Hotelling
61 Admit
62 On top of
63 Garbo
64 Stone paving
65 Gem
66 Redness
67 Landless
68 Properties
69 Fascist
70 More boy
71 Affirmative
72 Biblical
weeds
61 Struck, old
style
62 Dedicate
63 More regular
64 Challenges
65 Iron
66 Meaning
67 Mexican
pastel grass
68 Macleay
69 "Wish upon a —"
70 Espionage agent
71 Mediterranean,
for one

DOWN

1 Olympic sport
2 Land —
3 Musical or
Laurel
4 Advanced
5 In years
6 Greek physician
7 Eager
8 Gulf state
9 Overcoat cloth
10 Ruler of Judea
11 Civet
12 Gets along
13 Beverages
14 Champ on
15 Dancer Foy
16 Malt drink
21 Being
22 Duke in
"The Tempest"
23 Sores
24 Leafing
25 Military
26 Military
27 Nighttime
28 Nighttime
30 Nighttime
31 Nighttime
32 Rational
33 Cubic meter
34 Items stuffed
35 With pinpoints
36 Jewish feast
41 City on the
Tiber
42 Unwritten
43 Nasal
44 Passages
45 Roofing
46 Roofing
47 Roofing
48 Roofing
49 Roofing
50 Inner forehead
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Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Funny sun fun: twice one die is two dice, yet minus one is "no dice."
2. Really meticulous, nautically minded housewife pleaded to sweep up the dirty ocean floor.
3. Is it not much better to be blessed with a little than cursed with too much?
4. Nice cowboy boys used hell for new friend's bail.

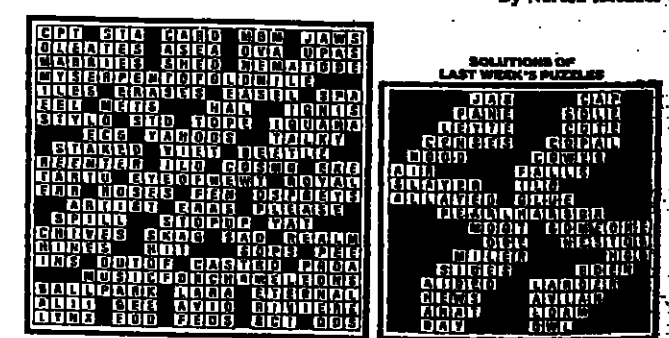
CRYPTOGRAMS

1. TSPMSAN PEX OZBSN E BSJU EO ECC OZEO
LYAU PYTRI OS PEUM HO LYTO BSCQ ENEX.
—By Linda M. Sperry

2. ZT AFMNEP BMMI GMVF ZDXA: GDJIZDOP.
FMEMOREU LDAY FRAYMOX. DEP QMOZDOP.
FMLEU QMO QNYNOT LTDJT.
—By Barbara J. Kagg

3. ABC DEPU DEFDXU DILPSRU RECOIF: O
AODHC. ABCZ RILCF LZAX ABC SLARECZ
PCARB ABC RECP.
—By G. Ditch

4. NURKONA ROKU GREEK ON AGEK C REEK.
—By Norton Rhodes



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